

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Mayor Dalling
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Bruce King, Lamont Merrill, Vaun Waddell and Burch Drake; Steve Hawkes, Planning & Zoning Commission; Sugar Salem School District Superintendent Alan Dunn; Kathy Barnhill; Gabe Barnhill; Cade Stoddard; and Hayden Harris.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to amend the agenda to have a discussion on the school system bond and a request to hook to the wastewater system; motion carried.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 23, 2012. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Merrill and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept said minutes; motion carried.

Marcie presented the February reconciliation reports for the General Fund. It was moved by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Waddell to accept the February reconciliation reports for the General fund; motion carried. Marcie presented the February reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept the February reconciliation reports for the Utility Fund; motion carried.

Marcie presented the current bills in the amount of \$63,886.99. It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember King to pay the current bills, together with all regular March bills that have not yet been received; motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION ON ASSET DEPRECIATION LIMITS: Marcie reported that the auditor recommended that the city raise its asset depreciation limits. She said at present anything over \$1,000 will be depreciated for three years. There is a lot of equipment that might cost hundreds of dollars, and it should be expensed in the same year it is purchased.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Waddell and seconded by Councilmember Drake to set the asset depreciation limits at \$5,000 starting in the current fiscal year; motion carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND: Sugar-Salem District Superintendent Alan Dunn gave a power point presentation on the proposed bond levy for Sugar-Salem School District. The levy is for

5.5 million, or \$1,124,000 per year for five years, which citizens can vote on May 15. The project would include an addition to the high school for bathrooms, 10 classrooms, gym, weight room and library (3.2 million). This would double the library. Maintenance building (\$150,000), and then the other schools' supplies, heating systems and remodels of floors, sidewalks and roofs, and track replacement, etc. Mr. Dunn reported that this spring the school district would be completely out of debt. The mayor expressed appreciation to Mr. Dunn.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: P&Z Chairman Steve Hawkes addressed the council.

Sugar Shop (Vaun Waddell) Application for Special Use Permit: Steve reported that Vaun Waddell made application for a special use permit for a bakery and café. A P&Z public hearing will be held Thursday, April 5, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Sign ordinance: The commissioners have nearly completed the sign ordinance. One of the sections says that no sign may be placed or constructed in any public right-of-way. P&Z would like a definition of right-of-way. They interpreted it as meaning that you can't place a sign where the public would be walking or driving a public vehicle.

Definition of right-of-way: The mayor said he would check with the city attorney to see if a definition already exists.

RECOMMENDATION ON INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2009 EDITION:

Councilmember Merrill reported concern about the questions raised in the last meeting. He has no recommendation at this time.

WATER RIGHTS UPDATE: The mayor reported that the mitigation committee thinks they are only ten days to two weeks away from getting a commitment on how they could get water rights by mitigation. They suggested that no changes in our water rights request be made until they give us additional information.

7TH EAST (DIGGER DRIVE) PROJECT: The mayor reported there is a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on March 12 at the Madison County Commissioners' room in Rexburg. The commissioners have a different plan for the East Parkway Corridor, which might affect Digger Drive. He invited councilmembers to attend the meeting if their schedules permit.

THIRD SOUTH PLANNING: Councilmember Drake reported that the proposal as of this date is to leave the road the way it is. He proposed widening two feet on each side for ribbon curbing, which would cost approximately \$10 per linear foot. He would like to establish a homeowners' advisory group to introduce them to our plan and get input from them. Burch also talked about a slurry technique to use on the streets. A discussion was had on finding out if the city would qualify for federal funding if the street was a major collector. Councilmember King will investigate to see if it could be reclassified to a major from a minor collector.

LOT BY MOON PARK: Councilmember Merrill disqualified himself and did not take part in any discussion or vote on this matter. The mayor reported that Councilmember Merrill has bid \$23,500 for the lot by Moon Park, which was appraised at \$26,000 and previously offered for bid.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Drake and seconded by Councilmember King to accept Lamont Merrill's offer of \$23,500 for said property, payable at closing, and subject to final approval by the city attorney. The mayor called for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye: Councilmembers King, Waddell and Drake

Those voting nay: None

Thereupon, the mayor declared the motion passed. Councilmember Merrill resumed his position at the council table.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

Cemeteries: Bruce presented a handout about private cemeteries in Sugar City and asked the councilmembers to come prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Clean-up dates: Bruce would like the mayor to select the dates.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER WADDELL:

Easter Egg Hunt: Plans are under way for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, at 9 a.m., at Smith Park. It is for children up to age ten.

Pioneer Community Breakfast: Jason Grover, of Stone's Town and Country Motors, wants to participate again and to get some donated food.

Teton Dam Marathon: Vaun would like to draft a letter to Michael Haws for Mayor Dalling to sign and deliver to Mayor Woodland requesting approval of the half marathon route through Sugar City for the 2013 race. Mr. Haws will not work with Vaun, only through the direction of the Rexburg mayor.

Comprehensive Plan:

(1) Amendments: Vaun said it is time to update amendments to the comprehensive plan on how we are implementing the plan. The last time it was updated was August 26, 2010. Councilmember King was assigned to invite P&Z to submit a list of implementation efforts made.

(2) Compensating water rights: Vaun would also like to include a compensating water rights section in the comprehensive plan. He said we need one or two liners in the comprehensive plan, code sections on annexation and the subdivision ordinance. Vaun agreed to draft the document, have Bruce review it, then the attorney, and then P&Z.

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE: Burch presented a handout outlining work that needs to be done: (1) improvement of 7th East (Digger Drive); (2) feasibility of curbing and resurfacing 3rd South from 7th East (Digger Drive) to the junction of Hwy. 33 to the west; (3) open bidding process on 3rd South-West for resurfacing; (4) widening of 3rd South from 7th East to Pine; (5) pursue feasibility of having 3rd South reclassified as a major collector; (6) city trees and beautification projects; (7) tower area clean-up and made a part of our park areas; and (7) old theater – possible historical museum and recreation center. He said the city needs to take care of streets that are falling apart.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Toscano Update: The mayor reported that Dwayne Seiter is trying to secure funding. Mr. Seiter is thinking about student housing in Toscano and they would run shuttle buses to BYU-Idaho. The mayor attended a transportation meeting where they talked about a countywide transportation system, which would affect Mr. Seiter's plans.

County Meeting on March 12: The mayor reported that the county meeting is at 10:30 a.m., March 12, in the Commissioners' Room. He said commissioners want to talk about changing the route of the East Parkway Corridor and seek our input.

Request for city water: The mayor reported that he received a request from Moody

Creek Produce to hook to city water because DEQ condemned their well. They have .29 cfs of water for their well, some of which they might be willing to give to the city if the city would furnish them water. To install an eight-inch line would cost approximately \$45,000, and they would need to obtain permission from the Idaho Transportation Department to run the line along its right-of-way. They would also need to install a fire hydrant on the line. The mayor reported that no decisions have been made.

Request to hook to wastewater system (impact area): The mayor reported that he received a request from Salt Lake Express to hook to the city sewer line (interceptor line). Marcie estimated if we approve it, it would cost nearly \$8,000, plus all engineering and construction expenses. Their sewer would need to be monitored by a sewer meter since they are planning to dump bus sewage as well. That would bypass a water meter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk